MiG Crashes

3436. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) causes of the high rate of crashes of MiG aircrafts; and

(b) how many civilians have died due to the aircraft crashes in the past three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA) :

(a) The major causes of MiG aircraft crashes are Human Error (HE), Technical Defect (TD) and Bird Hit (BH).

(b) The number of civilians killed in the last three years is as follows :

2000-2001	-	01
2001-2002	-	03
2002-2003	-	23
(Upto 31st March, 2003)		

Railway Gauge Conversion of Rangia Murkongchelek

3437. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal for funding the Gauge Conversion of Rangia Murkongchelek section of NF Railway was received by the Ministry on the ground of Defence consideration;

(b) if so, the date of receipt of the proposal from Railways; and

(c) decision of the Ministry showing total provision made in the budget 2003-2004 for the said project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA) : (a) to (c) In December 2002, Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) had requested the Ministry of Defence for funding their proposal of Gauge conversion of North bank line from Rangia to Murkongchelek and linked fingers. The Ministry of Defence have recommended the proposal from operational point of view. However, the funding of the project

from Defence Funds was not found to be feasible. Ministry of Railways were accordingly informed.

Detection of Spurious Drugs Manufacturers and Sellers by Delhi Police

†3438. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Police have detected spurious drugs manufacturers and sellers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any comprehensive inquiry is being conducted in this regard; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have made assessment of any alliance between competent authority and the spurious drugs manufacturers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. During the last three years, 15 cases of manufacture and sale of spurious drugs were detected by Delhi Police and 46 persons were arrested in connection with these cases. The investigation conducted by Delhi Police in these cases did not reveal any connivance between the officials and spurious drugs manufacturers.

Infiltrators Living in India

3439. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of infiltrators living in India mentioning countries they are from;

(b) whether Government have taken any step to push them back, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Centre plans to provide financial assistance to the States dealing with 'push back', if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.